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OF THE DISK SPINDLES BASED UPON ACCESS OF
HARD DISK DRIVES (AS AMENDED)**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the further examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, Applicants are submitting this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) which is respectfully being submitted herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows::